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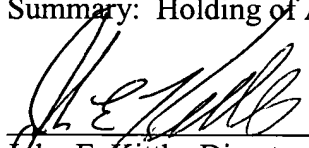
In re Application of	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Anthony Picardo et al	:	TO WITHDRAW
Serial No. : 09/574,688	:	HOLDING OF
Filed : May 17, 2000	:	ABANDONMENT
For : Smart Medical Connector System and Method of Use :	:	

This is a decision on petitioner's request filed February 3, 2004, to review the holding of abandonment mailed January 7, 2004 for failure to respond to the Office action mailed June 26, 2003. There is no fee required for this petition.

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a copy of a response to a restriction requirement, the response bearing a certificate of facsimile transmission dated July 15, 2003. Petitioner has also included a copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission from the Patent Office confirming transmission of the papers in question on July 15, 2003, and a statement from the person who facsimiled the response attesting to the submission of the response.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed January 7, 2004 is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. Upon the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Examiner via the Legal Instruments Examiner for entry and consideration of the response filed July 15, 2003.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.


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